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EDITORIAL.

GREETING.

THIS issue of the HERALD finishes the first five years of our existence and we are in holiday attire. Five years ago, in the month June, 1883, the FISK HERALD was born.

It came from noble lineage, its father being no less distinguished personage than the *Fisk Expositor*, and its mother, our *Alma Mater*. Nothing would be more fitting than to reproduce here the first editorial that ever appeared on our pages, from the pen of the first Editor-in-chief, Tolbert F. Sublett, B. A., '83, now class of '89, Harvard Law School:

PROSPECTUS.

To the faculty, alumni, friends and former students of Fisk University, greeting: the interest of these, as well as that of the students and the University, it is intended that the FISK HERALD shall continually address itself. The students hope to present a real live college paper in the full extent of this term, conducted on a high moral basis, loyal in every respect to the University. The HERALD is to be wholly a student paper, independent to the extent that it is in no way an organ of the faculty, and will speak from the students'

standpoint. This first issue is simply a foretaste of what we hope to make the paper in the future. The HERALD will at all times be of such a make-up that friends of the University can find entertainment in reading it, and from such we solicit subscriptions and encouragement. We invite brief communications of interest from patrons and friends, to whom space will be cheerfully given. It is earnestly hoped and expected that every student and friend of the University will do all in his power to forward the interest of this new enterprize.

These are yet our sentiments and hopes. In remembrance of this time of rejoicing at our advanced age, we propose to give our readers a history of ourselves and a sketch of the *status presens* of our much loved home. Long may the HERALD wave and may we yet celebrate many a glad birth-month.

THE FISK HERALD.

THE FISK HERALD, the successor of the *Fisk Expositor*, a paper formerly published semi-annually by the faculty of the University, now finishes its fifth year. In the winter of '82 and the early spring of '83, the matter of a college paper was discussed by the students, a meeting was called and a committee appointed to draft a constitution for the management of a paper to be edited and managed by the different societies then in existence in the University.

The FISK HERALD was the outcome of said meeting, the officers and editors were elected by the societies in a joint meeting, and with fear and trembling the HERALD entered the college journalistic field, the first college journal, published, set up, and edited by colored students, in the world, to our knowledge. Its aim was, as it still is, to be a medium to inform the parents and friends of what is taking place at the University and to spread abroad the knowledge of the kind of work the institution is trying to do. The HERALD has been self-supporting from its first issue and although it has labored under untold disadvantages in many respects, it is still in the field, and purposes to remain as the fixed exponent of the University. The road it traveled for the first year was full of thorns and brambles, and had it not been for the determination and energy of our first business manager it would long ago have been keeping company with hundreds of other journalistic attempts in the City of Withered Ambition. The HERALD has not only done much good in giving news of the affairs of the school to friends, but it has done a great deal in the line of preparing those who have been connected with it for preparing for future work. It was the training school for one who is now at the head of a journal and another who is an associate editor on the staff of the leading colored journal of the northwest. Our undertaking is watched with a great deal of interest, both by friends and foes, and while we may not in all cases have come up to the expectation of friends, we have silenced our opponents and ere many months hope to name them with the

former. The HERALD is now anxiously watched for and eagerly read in many homes, North and South, East and West. It has improved from time to time and intends to continue so to do. Its object and aim are to be second to no college journal in the country. The paper is managed by a board of Directors, nine in number, three each from the B. K. B., U. L. S., and Y. L. S., who appoint all officers and have general oversight. All officers hold office for one year. During the summer months a special manager and editor are left in charge.

W. R. M.

OUR HOME.

Fisk University was founded by the American Missionary Association in 1886, and was named in honor of Gen. Clinton B. Fisk. Its aim is to furnish the opportunity for higher education to young Negroes of the South.

The Jubilee Singers whose fame is world-wide, started out on their triumphal march in 1887, and sang Jubilee Hall into existence, whose spire overtops the cupola of Tennessee's capitol. Through the munificence of Mrs. Valeria G. Stone, Livingstone Hall was built, where the HERALD lives. Jubilee Hall contains the dormitories of the faculty and young ladies, the parlors, dining hall, laundry and Industrial Kitchen.

Livingstone Hall contains the dormitories of the young men, recitation-rooms, Library, Museum, Scientific Department, Printing Department and Chapel. The Intermediate and Model Schools occupy separate buildings.

The grounds of the University front principally on Shaftesbury Ave., and consist of Victoria Square, Central

Square, Netherlands Square, and the south lot, twenty-five acres in all.

The University Color is blue. The seal is a vignette of the Jubilee Singers. The number of students this year is 473—260 women and 213 men.

The University confers the degrees of B. A., and B. S., and diplomas upon Normal graduates.

OUR PRESIDENT.

Some one has said association quickens the memory.—Having just completed reading the life of Washington, the father of his country, my thoughts have turned to Dr. E. M. Cravath, the father and founder of Fisk University, one equally as faithful and true to his work as he who stood first at the head of this nation, after freeing it from English power.



ERASTUS MILO CRAVATH

was born near Homes, New York, in 1833. The first eighteen years of his life were spent on his father's farm. When old enough, he worked on the farm during the winter season. He

was an ambitious student and as he approached manhood, he became weary of the taxing drudgery of farm-life and longed for wider opportunities for study than the little village academy offered. During this period of disquiet his mind was directed to Oberlin College, of which his father was a supporter and patron. Following his inclination he began a life as a student in this pioneer school of the west. Here Dr. Cravath spent nine years in pleasant and congenial study. He graduated from College in 1857, and from the Theological school in 1860. During these years of study he supported himself almost wholly by teaching during vacations. The last year of his theological course he supplied the pulpit of the Congregational church at Berlin Heights, Erie Co., O., and after graduation was called to the pastorate of this church, but before settling down to the work of this charge he did what most young men still do—took a help-meet.

Here three years of useful ministerial labor passed. In December of 1863 he enlisted in the army. In a few days he was elected Chaplain of the 101st O. V. I. He immediately joined his regiment which was guarding a pontoon over the Tennessee River at Bridgeport, Ala. He served with his regiment on the Atlanta Campaign until the army reached the Kennesaw Mountains. He was then taken ill with a severe fever, which kept him in the hospital on Lookout Mt. for three months. During his convalescence he was sent North to recruit. We next find him with his regiment at Palaski; he was in the terrible battle at Franklin and also in the battles about

Nashville which resulted in the destruction of Gen Hood's army.

After peace was declared he was mustered out of the service in June 1865 at Nashville, and then returned north to his family. In October following he was appointed Field Agent of the American Missionary Association for the purpose of establishing schools among the colored people of the South. His headquarters were established at Nashville, the land was bought upon which the old barracks stand where the Fisk school was started, which to day is Fisk University.

M. J. Murray.

To be continued.

THE CHAIRS.

The Chair of Greek.

This is occupied by Rev. A. K. Spence, A. M., University of Michigan, class of '58. He is an earnest worker, and has built up a strong department. The department has a few maps, &c., and the beginning of a small library. The method of teaching aims mainly at acquaintance with the vast field of greek literature, rather than an exhaustive reading of any one author.

The Chair of Latin.

The University believes this is an age of woman and consequently Miss Helen C. Morgan, A. M. Oberlin College, Class of '66, occupies this Chair. The instruction here is thorough, and the work done very satisfactory. Prof. Morgan is a favorite in the College.

The Chair of Philosophy.

President Cravath presides here, and gives thorough and systematic drill as many of the Alumni can testi-

fy. Great interest is aroused in these higher studies, and the daily discussions are interesting and instructive.

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The Chair of Natural Science.

This is the field of the Rev. F. A. Chase, A. M. The recitation-room, laboratories and Museum are the mystery of mysteries to the uninitiated. The Sophomores are the first to descend into the enchanted domain, together with the 2nd year Normals, when they take up Botany. The required herbarium of 50 specimens gives rise to numberless excursions into the surrounding country which are of immense practical benefit to health and knowledge. Few stop with the required number, some very large collection having been made; as, W. M. Bennett, 225 specimens, Miss Jennie Hobbs, 79, 184, and several 125.

In the Junior year comes Physics which is conceded by all to be "tough" in the full meaning of that expressive word. Next come Physiology with the Bock-Steger models, and then Astronomy. This always enthuses the class, and the stray junior who drops around about 11 P. M. has invariably been "star-gazing". The senior year finishes the sciences. By far the most interesting work is the 4 weeks in the laboratory in which the class endeavors to break as much as possible.

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The Chairs of Modern Languages.

Rev H. M. Bennett, A. M., Oberlin, occupies the chair of German. The work in the class room is done entirely in German, and most of the students can at the close of the year carry on a conversation in the *Mutter-Sprache* with ease, and read fluently. The instruction in French is by Prof.

Spence, and aims at a wide acquaintance with French literature. German and French tables are formed in the dining hall.

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The Chair of Mathematics.

Herbert H. Wright, A. M., Oberlin, presides here. In the pleasant recitation room Algebra fastens on the Junior preps with remorseless grasp, followed by geometry, trigonometry and surveying. The Freshmen are much interested in surveying, and can be seen anytime with chair pins, and red tape, in both senses of the word, traversing the surrounding country, and scaring the wonder-stricken urchins into fits. The level, compass, and transit are used, and the University grounds plotted and many problems solved.

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FISK COLLEGE.

Class of '91.

Preces, Proctor.

Scriba, Woodard.

This class numbers 11 members, Fratres 9, Sorores 2, and represents five states.

The class is noted for its modesty and beauty, and for the *length* of its members. From its number, the world may safely expect at least two Newtons, a Grant or so, and a half dozen r—s. This class when in the D grade consisted of 44 members. Five of the original members are left. Fratres in Urbe 2; Fratres in Universitate, 9.

CLASS of '90.

Preces, Phelps.

Scriba, McClelland.

This class numbers 10 members, Fratres Omnes, and represents 2 states.

This class is noted for its fondness for the Sorores Normales, the abnormal development of its risibles, and its enormous appetites. When in D grade this class numbered 34. 1 original member is left.

F. in Urbe, 1. F. in Universitate, 9.

CLASS OF '89.

Preces, Moore.

Scriba, Hunter.

This class is distinguished for its pride and poverty. It is the largest college class, and has all the vices and some of the virtues consequent thereto. The class name is *Douuosophian*. Its motto is, "Gnothi seauton."

It numbers 14 members, Fratres, 15; Sorores 2. It is a progressive class and has led many local reforms. Great (?) things may safely be expected from it. When in the D grade it numbered 47. 5 original members are left. It represents 4 states and 2 continents.

F. in Urbe, 3; F. in Universitate, 11.

CLASS OF '88.

Preces, DuBois,

Scriba, Stewart.

This is truly a wonderful class; although composed of only five members, Fratres 2, Sorores 3, it represents 5 states, the largest number of any class. Graduating in a Leap-year, it has with great propriety a majority of sorores. The class is noted for its unassuming demeanor. When in the D grade it consisted of 34 members, of whom 1 remains.

The following statistics have been collected at great expense and with many hair-breadth escapes:

Average age, boys, 23 yrs., girls (?)

Average height, 2½ ft.

Average weight, 3 lbs.
 Immediate matrimonial prospects, 0.

Future matrimonial prospects, 5
 Old maids, 0

Bachelors (of Arts) 2

Average wealth, \$0.025

Average length of nose, 3 ft.

Located next year, in U. S.

Omnes in Universitate.

Motto: *A Possit ad Esse.*

MUSICAL DEPARTMENT.

It would be natural to suppose that a University that was sung into existence should especially cultivate music. Such is the case with Fisk. Music has always had a prominent place in the curriculum, but did not constitute a separate department until 1885. The faculty consists of five instructors, Professors Spence and Wright, and Misses Robinson and Chamberlin, with two assistants, Miss Dorsey, '91, and Mr Talley, '90. The department has six branches of work, Piano-forte, Cabinet organ, Voice Culture, Violin, Vocal music, and the study of the masters in the Mozart Society. The present instructors have made this a very popular department and this year the attendance has greatly increased. Thus the beginning of the Fisk Conservatory of Music. A circulating library of musical works has been established, and the yellow-covered book under the arm of a hurrying maiden frequently tells of its usefulness. Musical periodicals are also taken. There are now four singing-classes, which meet a half-hour for practice twice a week. These are compulsory. The Mozart training class selects the best from these and trains them for the Mozart

society. This celebrated society was organized May 7th, 1881, by Prof. Spence. The first public concert was given Thursday, Dec. 26, 1882, and consisted of mixed music from Handel, Mozart and Haydn, with various solos &c. Mozart's *Tenth Mass* was rendered, Dec. 27th, 1883. The first Concert to the Legislature was given March 13th, 1883, and has since become a regular custom. The *Messiah* was rendered twice, Feb. 27th and Dec. 28th 1885, with marked success. In 1887 the first part of the *Elijah* was given, and this year as announced by the April HERALD the entire oratorio was rendered, and the concert pronounced the best ever given.

The society has 200 volumes and 200 pamphlets, of musical works. There have been since its incipency over 100 members of the society. There are now 49. Of its work Prof. F. A. Welter a leading musician of the city says, "In the study and production of such standard works as the one performed the other night, Fisk University has the proud distinction of standing alone in our midst, and in this respect is doing an immeasurable amount of good. The future historian of race will give the work of Fisk University due credit even if it does not attract at present the general attention it so decidedly deserves." There is also in the University a Glee club and Jubilee club.

SOCIETIES

The Societies represented in the university, in order of establishment, are as follows:

- The Union Literary Society.
- The Beta Kappa Beta Society.
- The Young Ladies Lyceum.

The English Debating society.

The Teacher's Institute.

The Student's Conference.

The following, dated Feb. 7th, 1868, speaks for itself. "A meeting of the teachers and students of Fisk University was called to meet on Friday, Jan. 31st, for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society in connection with the school. The meeting was opened by prayer by Prof. Ogden. After remarks by Prof. Ogden and others relative to the objects of the meeting, the necessity for and the benefits arising from the proposed organization, the meeting was organized for the transaction of business by the election of Mr. Chas. Crosby as chairman, and Geo. L. White as secretary. Committees were appointed, and the meeting adjourned to meet Feb. 7th."

"Geo. L. White,
Sec."

A constitution was adopted and LINDSEY ROBERTS was the first president. The society evidently was not afraid of deep subjects as we find on the program for Mar. 6, 1868,
Debate.

Which is the most useful to man a Horse or a Cow?

This was the beginning of the Union Literary Society which is still flourishing. The minutes at that primeval period are apt to give rise to many audible smiles. For instance, the following resolution is recorded which indeed sounds quite *modern*. "Resolved that the motion to adjourn shall not be in order when there is other business before the society, *unless the society be in a confusion*." This was laid on the table. Again "Resolved that the kindest regards of this society be tendered

those members who do not attend its regular meetings, and that they be hereby requested to withdraw their names in two weeks. -Adopted" In 1870 the society was divided into the Young men's U. L. S., and Young Ladies L. S., but toward the end of the year we find the young men yearning to get back, which was accomplished Dec. 2, 1870. Eleven years after when we came into Livingstone Hall the sexes were again separated and the young ladies formed the Young Ladies Lyceum which is still flourishing. The U. L. A. is still the largest society in the University and has a membership of 33. It has a library of 140 volumes and \$48 in the treasury. It has an honorable career and is the pride of the University; most of its members are from the Preparatory and Normal departments.

"At a meeting held Oct. 21, 1881 it was decided to form a college literary Society." The outcome of this was the B. K. B. society, so named after professors Bennett, Cravath, and Burrus. There was a good deal of opposition to the idea, the Preps and Normals generally thinking the college men were trying to be too exclusive, but this has gradually died away and the Beta Kappa is having great prosperity. C. J. Anderson was its first president. It has now a membership of 24, and a library of 110 volumes.

In 1886 English Debating Society was formed for the members of the English Department. It still lives and has been very successful.

The T. I. and S. C.

Two of the organizations of the University include the students of our two sister colleges, the Central Ten-

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THE COLLEGE PRESS.

We have in the institution two publications, one printed and the other issued in manuscript, as follows:

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THE BETA KAPPA BETA SOCIETY,
THE YOUNG LADIES LYCEUM,
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THE SPUR.

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W. R. MORRIS, '84, Editor-in-Chief.

The contributors are the students who wrestle with an examination in English branches every March with the following result in rank.

1886

1. Mabel A. Chase.
2. R. C. Edmondson,
{ W. E. B. DuBois, '88.
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1888

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5. { I. H. Anthony,
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nessee College and Roger Williams University.

The Teachers Institute which met originally during the holiday recess but now meets on the first Saturday of February, March and April, had its origin in the custom of the professors in holding institutes during the summer. As this work began to be taken up by students, teachers and students formed an institute to discuss these important matters. The president is President Owen of R. W. U.

The Students' Conference arose

from the desire of the three schools for closer intercourse. Its exercises consist of an annual address Friday night and the presentation of various papers the following Saturday. The exercises are generally very entertaining. I. B. Moore is president, and H. H. Proctor, '91, will deliver the next annual address.

ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

THERE are 110 alumni of Fisk University; 17 Masters of Arts, 43 Bachelors of Arts, 2 Bachelors of Science, 48 Normal graduates. Among these are 6 ministers, 3 doctors, 3 lawyers, 2 editors, 1 farmer, 1 legislator, 2 in S.S. work, 1 student in music, 1 college president, 1 college professor, 19 principals of public schools, 5 instructors in higher schools, and 41 teachers.

—Married—

Of the college alumni twenty-four of the sixty-two are married; of the Normal alumni twenty-six of the forty-eight; showing that Normalism conduces to matrimony. Ten ladies have graduated from the College department, three of whom married. Thirty-two ladies have graduated from the Normal department of whom twenty-one are wives, showing that the superstition among the young ladies that greek makes old maids is founded on fact. 28 Fisk graduates have Fiskites for wives, or 56 per cent; ergo, all Fiskites do not flirt!

—Births—

Our *Alma Mater* has forty-six grand children, twenty-nine collegians, and seventeen Normals. The HERALD as godfather sends greetings to the young gentlemen and ladies, and would be overjoyed to have them subscribe,

—Deaths—

The grim Destroyer has also entered our fold; four of the college alumni have finished their life work; viz: —Laura Sophia Cary B. A., who was a young lady of sterling character and an instructor in the University when she died; Ernest H. Anderson, M. A., an upright christian, who was the first Alumnus to leave Fisk a bequest; Lulu S. Parker, B.S., a young lady highly esteemed by all who knew her; and Henry S. M. M. A., one of the most earnest workers Fisk has ever sent forth.

—Organization—

The College Alumni Association was organized in 1880. Its officers President, W. R. Morris, '84, Secretary, J. M. Turpin, '81, Treasurer, W. H. Hodgkins, '81. June 13th the Association will have seventy five members. The Normal Association contains forty-eight members. Its officers are, President, Miss Sadie Patton Burrus, Secretary, Miss Susan Lowe. It was established in 1884.

—FISK'S CHILDREN.—

Many of the Fisk graduates have become the founders of other schools of which the *Alma Mater* is proud, and which are doing a great work. The following are the most prominent:

Alcorn College, Rodney Miss.
Prairie View Normal School, Hempstead, Texas.
Lane Seminary, Jackson, Tenn.

To the Members of the College Alumni Association:

Fellow Alumni:— We greet you in behalf of our *Alma Mater* and thank you for the interest that you have shown in her in the past three years, by contributing toward her support in the shape of an endowment.

There were contributed in '85, (the first year,) \$144.80; in '86, \$38.15; and in '87, \$137.15; total for the three years that the plan has been on foot, \$420.10.

Out of a membership of 60, including the College Faculty, (7 in number,) only about 19 have contributed regularly annually. Thus you see it will be quite a while before we will raise the \$1000 as is planned.

Some have never contributed any toward it, and some have discontinued. We do hope that every member will resolve to contribute something each year until the amount is secured. Now will you not do your part and urge all the others to do theirs?

Our Annual Meeting will occur June 12th, 1888, at the University at which time Prof. L. C. Anderson, '84, of Texas, will deliver the Annual Address, etc. Will you please answer before that time, in order that a full and favorite report of the endowment may be made?

Send the contribution for the endowment fund to the Treasurer, W. H. Hodgkins, No. 711 Gay St., or to Fisk University.

The Secretary of the association, J. M. Turpin, wishes the annual dues, (25c.), which go toward defraying the current expenses of the Association, be sent either directly to him No. 719, Jefferson St., or to the Treasurer, with the annual contribution, and you will be given credit for it.

W. R. Morris,
W. H. Hodgkins,
Dr. E. M. Cravath, } Com.

To the members of the Normal Alumni.

Dear Friends:

As the term of Fisk

University is drawing to a close, we earnestly appeal to every member of the Association to send in his percent. to the Endowment Fund. We hope to be able to make a good report of our Alumni at Commencement. As yet, we regret to state, only a very few members have contributed to the Endowment Fund of our *Alma Mater*. We can not give to a nobler cause. My friends, Fisk University extended a helping hand to us, when we were unable to help ourselves. Now God has blessed and prospered us, and shall we prove ourselves indifferent and ungrateful sons and daughters?

Remittances to the Endowment fund can be made to Mrs. Susan Lowe, Treasurer, Blind Asylum, or to the Treasurer of Fisk University. We will be pleased to furnish members with any information desired. Trusting that every member will respond to this movement at his earliest convenience,

I am sincerely yours,

Mrs. P. R. Burrus, Pres.

1903 W. Church St.

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS.

The Gymnasium.

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THE exercises in celebration of the breaking of the ground for the erection of the first Negro gymnasium and mechanical laboratory in the world, began in the chapel of Livingstone Hall at 3 o'clock, May 10th, 1888. After music by the school, President Cravath in opening the exercises, said that the faculty had had in view for some time the necessity of physical education, but lack of funds had prevented them so far from doing anything and that their energies had been direct

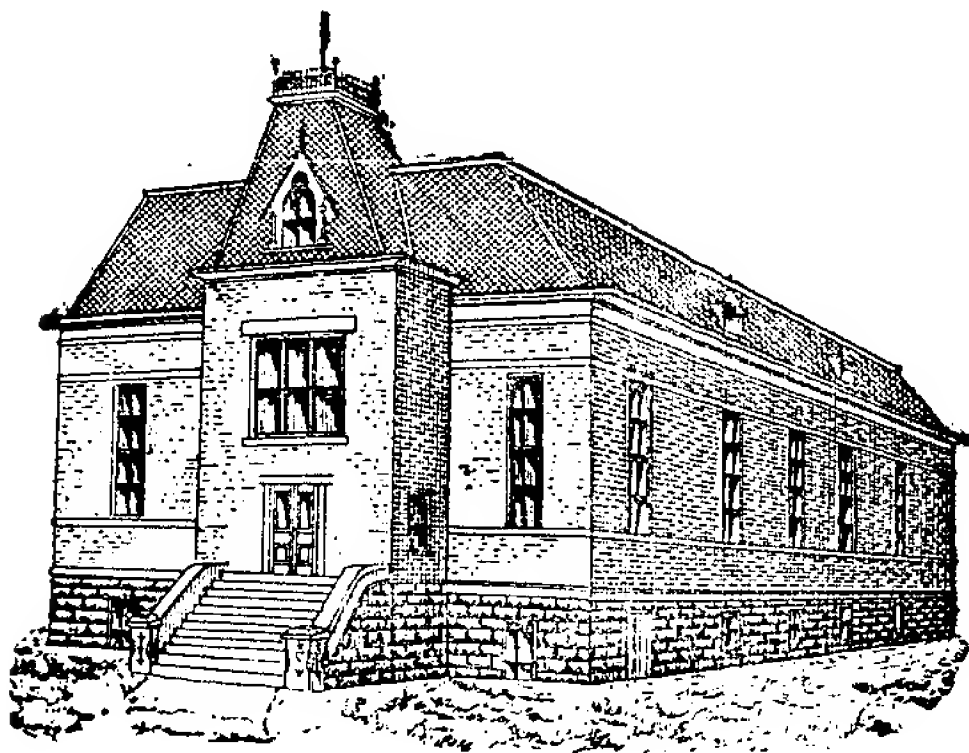
ed in other ways seemingly more imperative. He said that the action taken by the students had quickened their courage and hastened on the work, for which they deserved much commendation.

He then introduced Mr. W. E. B. DuBois, of the senior class, whom the students had selected to represent them on this occasion. He gave an account of the origin of the movement, and of

ceed as well physically as she has intellectually in building up the colored people of Nashville her efforts would be much appreciated.

Chancellor Payne, on being introduced, said this was an occasion of much congratulation to this great institution. He referred to the great work the jubilee singers had done for Fisk.

Prof. Spence was introduced amid



the work as carried on by the executive committee, Messrs. Calloway, Edmondson, DuBois, Barbour and Proctor. He said the students had started out to raise \$1,000 and had succeeded in doing so with the exception of about \$300.

Dr. Brundage of Vanderbilt was then introduced as one who had taken an interest in the work from its inception and given much encouragement to the movement. His remarks were happily received.

Hon. J. C. Napier was called to the

who said if Fisk would suc-

aplaude as one who had been here at the breaking of ground of every building of the institution. He said he had begun to feel rather sensitive because whenever reminiscences were wanted he was called upon. In a characteristic way he revealed interestingly in the past, both humorously and pathetically as only a Spence can, telling how, through difficulties, Jubilee and Livingstone Halls had been built.

He said before coming he had written the following, which after reading, he led the school in singing:

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Skill of tongue for truth to stand,
Skill to use the brain and hand
For humanity.

Strength of muscle, strength of mind,
Strength of soul to serve mankind,
Here we hope still more to find,
Dear old Fisk, in thee!

For the turmoil and the strife,
For the scenes with labor rife,
Waiting us in coming life,
May we ever be

Faithful with the faithful few,
Keep the right, the wrong eschew,
Ever loyal, ever true,
Dear old Fisk, to thee!

That in which we now engage,
Graved on memory's sacred page,
And undimmed by tears and age,
Treasured there shall be,

When in future years once more,
Many toils and trials o'er,
Back we look on days of yore,
Dear old Fisk, to thee!

After prayer by Prof. Bennett, who
been in the institution for twenty
rs, the assemblage adjourned to
site of the building in the follow-
order: Faculty, invited guests,
ng ladies, young gentlemen.

sembled at the site, spadeful of earth
removed by President Cravath
half of the trustees, Chancellor

ayne in behalf of a sister institution,
r. Brundage in behalf of the Amer-
an Physical Culture Society, Hon.
J. C. Napier, in behalf of the constitu-
ency of the city, P. L. LaCour in be-
alf of the alumni, I. H. Tindall '88,
or the collegiate department, H. W.
instead for the Normal, George W.
adson for the Common English,
esse Franklin for the intermediate.

The exercises were closed by the
nging of the doxology, "Praise God,"

2. President Cravath announced
hat the intention was to have the
ork pushed, so that the corner stone
ould be laid June, 13th at the com-

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

ON May the 8th inst., the American
Society of Mechanical Engineers
which was then in session in the city
visited the University. There were
about 100 and they filled the rostrum
to overflowing. President Cravath
gave a statement of the University
and its work to which the President of
the society responded wishing us suc-
cess in our undertakings. The school
sang several times and the audience
were especially delighted at the Jubi-
lee songs. They went through the
various departments and expressed
themselves greatly delighted at what
they saw. Before adjournment they
passed the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That our thanks
are due to the President and faculty of
Fisk University for the opportunity af-
forded to visit their unique and noble
institution, and to note their worthy
and highly successful efforts in edu-
cating the colored race."

This visit was a fit prelude to the
breaking of ground for the Gymnasium
and Mechanical Laboratory. The ed-
ucation of the hand has never been
made a feature in Fisk, it having been
considered hitherto of paramount im-
portance to educate teachers. How-
ever some work in this line has been
done. The Industrial Kitchen is
maintained by the John F. Slater
fund, for the young ladies, and was
described in a recent number of the
HERALD. The Printing department
where the work of the HERALD is
done except the presswork, furnishes
an opportunity for fifteen young
men annually to learn the printer's art.
It is in charge of a foreman appointed
by the HERALD Board of I

I. H. Anthony is the present foreman.

Plain sewing is taught to a class of ladies, and practical and theoretical drill in Nursing and Hygiene is given under the direction of Miss Wells who has been with us many years, and is well qualified for her work. Miss Parmelee "runs the Hospital" for the young men, but has no regular assistants. The Mechanical Laboratory will greatly increase our facilities for work in this direction and it is earnestly hoped that our friends will enable us to equip it thoroughly.

THE SOCIAL DEPARTMENT.

SOcially, few places can be found pleasanter than Fisk. Its 200 boys are not entirely insensible to the presence of its 200 girls, and Jubilee Hall is interested in Livingstone in more ways than one. Regularly we have formal receptions three times a year, Jubilee Day, Christmas, and March Holiday. This year we had one Washington's Birthday, which the students are secretly hoping will be made permanent. These socials, it is unnecessary to say, are very enjoyable, although some of the *Faculty* who attend do not always see it. Besides this the young men are allowed to invite young ladies, *of age*, — over seventeen — to the lectures, which occur alternate Friday evenings. There is, by the by, a noticeable difference in the speed of a Junior when he is going to dinner and returning from a lecture; but then ———. At each table in the dining-hall there are six young ladies and six young gentlemen, and consequently there are comparatively few absences from meals. "Sweethearts" &c., in all degrees of intensity, are of course

common as chips, and though Fisk matches are proverbially brittle, yet many ex-Fiskites have ex-Fiskites to "prepare the evening meal." Of course the irrepressible flirt is here in his glory as the following, picked from the Editor's waste-basket will show. It was probably written in a state of mental aberration, but contains many grains of truth and notes of warning:

As the Editor was rumaging through the archives of the HERALD office a few days ago, he came a strange ancient looking Ms., he perused with mingled feelings of surprise, fear, and fond recollection. The antiquity of the Ms., was a great probability not less than 1000 years. With considerable hesitation the following extracts are appended.

The title page is a strange alliterative

F earful		F rolics on
F ate of		F ivolous
	or the	
F rank		F lirts of
F lip		F isk.

This was followed by two vivid pictures with strongly expressive features.

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Before.	After.

Then comes a strange and thrilling narrative which the reader is solemnly warned from reading after dark

Limbo I.

And it came to pass in those days that in a certain city was Fisk University, where dwelt divers people. Now it happened that Fiskites flirted about all others on the earth, which thing was grievous in the sight of the Faculty, insomuch that they lifted up their voices and wept

and would not be comforted till there was less lying.

Limbo II.

Now there was a day when the sons of Fisk came to present themselves before the Faculty for admission, and it happened that the Devil came also. And the Faculty said, "Whence comest thou?" And he said "From lying to everybody on earth and from flirting through the breadth thereof." And the Faculty said "Hast thou seen our promising Fiskite?" And the Devil replied that he had a wide acquaintance therewith, and he had come to take back his own. Thereat the faculty opened not their mouths again and the Devil entered the hearts of the men called him "Miss Angelina's nem."

Limbo III.

Now it chanced that Frank Flip came to flirt about all other Fiskites, as much as that the girls were sore afraid of him. And in those days Frank lifted up his eyes from afar and beheld the Devil (Angelina) and invited him to the lecture by Dr. King on "Palestine." They went.

Limbo IV.

Behold the Devil looked very sweet.

Limbo V.

And the Devil said to Frank "Behold how beautiful is the night." Frank said, "Yes." And he lifted up his eyes and saw no one behind and (*woe to him!*) then would have stolen a —, but there came a first of thunder sound, and all they and of the couple thereafter was an engagement ring and a smell of brimstone!

(Chorus sings, "Beware, ye Fiskites!" and "Lie no more!" &c.)

And the Faculty laughed an exceedingly great laugh.

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I^{ired.}inis.

This was indeed a harrowing tale, and the Editor's soul is fearful for his fellow students.

PERSONAL.

J. H. Bishop left on the 5th.

G. W. Brown left on the 28th ult. for his home Cleveland.

Messrs. M. E. Stevens and J. Levy Jr. left on the 28th ult. for Richmond, Arkansas, where they will teach during summer.

Andrew Jackson, a former Fisk student, was here on the 28th ult.

J. W. Holloway left on the 30th ult. He will teach during the summer.

J. M. Baker, a former Fiskite, will teach at Caney Springs this summer.

W. L. Johnson is now farming at his home. He will teach school at Chapel Hill in the summer.

G. W. Wilson writes that he is teaching and has a good school. He will teach five months.

Gen. John P. Rea, commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, in company with other distinguished guests, was at the University on the 25th ult. Gen. Rea expressed himself as being much pleased at what he witnessed.

B. B. Coffin left on the 24th ult. Frank plans to spend a pleasant vacation in farming.

W. L. Blake left last

Lincoln county, where, after a few weeks of recreation, he plans to teach.

Mr. Elisha W. Bennett, brother of Prof. H. S. Bennett, made a flying trip to Nashville, last month.

Dr. Cravath went to Athens, Ala., on the 25th ult. to attend the encampment of the Department of Tennessee and Georgia, G. A. R.

Messrs. D. W. Dunn and T. J. Murray left on the 27th ult. for Macon, Mississippi, where they plan to teach during the summer.

George W. Washington left on the 29th ult. for his home.

S. P. Cole left on the 27th ult. for St. Louis, Mo., his home.

Mr. Wesley Brooks, of Trenton, Kentucky, spent several days last month at the University. Mr. Brooks came to see his son William Brooks who was then very sick.

We had a pleasant visit from Capt. James Laning recently. He is cousin to Prof. Bennett. He gave us an interesting account of the battle at Fort Henry.

W. H. Lanier left on the 5th, for Carrollton, Mississippi, where he will teach during the summer.

H. M. Johnson left on the 9th for Clarksville his home. He had been sick several days.

B. H. Morrell went home on the 11th. He plans to teach in Maury County during the summer.

Miss Pattie J. Malone paid us a short visit on her way to Boston; she goes from there to San Francisco where she will sail for Australia. We wish her a safe voyage.

The address of Miss H. E. Cushman, former Matron of Jubilee Hall, is Geer, Lincoln Co., Washington Ty.

Mr. J. H. C. V. left on the 27th ult. He looks as though he is being worked into a shoe-string.

Bishop Daniel A. Payne of Wilberforce, O., in company with Rev. C. S. Smith, City, was at the University last month. We were all glad to welcome him.

Prof. and Mrs. Spence celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage April 19th. The faculty and students assembled in their parlors to offer them many congratulations.

Mrs. Spence has gone to the north in search of contributions for the Student Aid endowment fund. We wish her success in her work.

Miss Alverta Tibbs has gone to begin her summer's teaching.

The Freshmen spent Tuesday evening May 1st at the parlors of Prof. and Mrs. Bennett, and had a very enjoyable time.

W. W. Cummings, N. '82, will visit us Commencement.

The first baby of the Normal class of '87 is named Anna Cahill Austin.

Mr. Jefferson Robinson and Miss Fannie Bolan, both former students of the university, were united in marriage May 4th, at the home of the bride; St. Louis, Mo. We offer them many congratulations.

Misses L. S. Manley, A. S. Hodge and Dickie Terry are expected here at Commencement.

Miss C. A. Reeves was called home on the 27th, by the death of her mother. We give her our heartfelt sympathy in her sad bereavement.

Misses Annie Caraway and Hattie Jones left for their homes on the 30th.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. L. M. Penfield as one of our teachers. She takes Miss Condit's place who has left for her home.

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